



Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) Fee Caps for Vaccine Administration

The legislation that created the VFC Program requires the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish a limit on the amount a provider can charge for the administration of vaccines to Vaccines for Children (VFC) eligible patients.

The November 5, 2012 Federal Register notice changed the maximum amounts a participating provider may charge for administering a vaccine to a VFC eligible child for the State of Iowa to **\$19.68** per dose. The administration fee was established on the basis of national charge data obtained under Federal contract with the American Academy of Pediatrics. Previously the vaccine administration fee for Iowa was \$14.58 per dose.

If a child qualifies for the VFC program because the individual is Medicaid enrolled, the provider may file a claim with Medicaid for vaccine administration. The level of Medicaid reimbursement for vaccine administration is determined by the State Medicaid agency. The established Medicaid level can be less than the actual regional cost established by CMS. Medicaid's payment to a provider is payment in full. Providers should not impose a charge for administration directly to a Medicaid child.

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